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I am a school board member of the McFarland School District. We are a small school district in Wisconsin and face a difficult time continuing to provide a world-class education because of climbing costs and a limited tax base. Funding for computers, hardware and internet access must be balanced with the other basic educational and staffing needs in our district. However, in order to help prepare our students for the jobs, businesses and the everyday world they will face after graduation, our district's ability to provide current technological equipment and training is essential.

The proposed Microsoft settlement will help small schools districts like McFarland provide the technology our students need to meet the challenges they will face in the coming years. The settlement not only provides the technology, but also provides the training so teachers can effectively use the computers in the classrooms.

Please support the proposed settlement which establishes an independent foundation to distribute technology funds, computers and software to those districts in the most need of these essential resources.

Thank you for your consideration,

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